PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, travel has a positive economic impact on Oregon, the nation's economic prosperity and image abroad, and business productivity; and

WHEREAS, travel to and within the United States provides significant economic benefit for the nation, generating more than \$2 trillion in economic output, including \$1 trillion spent directly by travelers; and

WHEREAS, travel is among the largest private-sector employers in the United States, supporting more than 15 million jobs; and

WHEREAS, traveler spending generated tax revenues of \$170 billion for federal, state and local governments, funds used to support essential services and programs; and

WHEREAS, international travel to the United States is the nation's number one services export; and

WHEREAS, meetings, events and incentive travel are core business functions that generate more than \$325 billion in annual spending from domestic and international business travelers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Randy Sparacino, Mayor of the City of Medford, do hereby proclaim May 2 through 8, 2021 as

NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

and urge the citizens to welcome visitors to Medford and join me in this special observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 6th day of May, 2021.

Randy Sparacino Mayor of Medford

